

RESOURCES DIRECTORY FOR SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

NON-REGULATORY LOCAL RESOURCES THAT PROVIDE GRANTS AND/OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

AGRICULTURAL WATERSHED COALITION



SOUTHERN SAN LUIS OBISPO AND
SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES

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Agricultural Watershed Coalition of Southern San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties

The Coalition assists growers in implementation of the Conditional Ag Waiver. The Coalition is comprised of the Central Coast Wine Growers Association; Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau; Santa Barbara Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties; Santa Barbara Flower and Nursery Growers Association; and Santa Barbara County Cattlemen's Association. The Watershed Coalition is partially funded through grants by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Growers can request to be put on the Watershed Coalition mailing list to receive ag waiver and cooperative monitoring program updates and information about water quality educational opportunities. Kay Mercer is also available to assist growers in filling out ag waiver paperwork, answer general ag waiver questions, and help put growers in touch with local technical assistance for implementing specific management practices identified in individual farm plans.

The Coalition has several ongoing initiatives to reduce institutional barriers (i.e. multi-agency permitting requirements, Endangered Species Act restrictions and concerns regarding Food Safety) that prevent growers from implementing Farm Water Quality Management Practices. The Coalition also participates in a variety of watershed groups such as the Rincon and Carpinteria Creeks Watershed Coalitions to concentrate on mitigating specific watershed issues. These groups work on bank stabilization, invasive vegetation removal and fish and wildlife habitat improvements.

The Coalition is very busy creating the structure, partnerships and funding necessary for the agricultural community to improve water quality. Often, The Coalition is the voice for agriculture on water quality issues and strives to convey the Agriculture Community's commitment to environmental stewardship and the tremendous effort put forth by agriculturists to implement the Conditional Ag Waiver.

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*~ If you are unsure who to contact, you can phone Kay Mercer ~
She will be happy to put you in touch with the correct person*



UCCE University of California Cooperative Extension

UC's 64 Cooperative Extension (CE) offices are local problem-solving centers. More than 400 campus-based specialists and county-based farm, home, and youth advisors work as teams to bring the University's research-based information to Californians. CE is a full partnership of federal, state, county, and private resources linked in applied research and educational outreach. CE tailors its programs to meet local needs. CE's many teaching tools include meetings, conferences, workshops, demonstrations, field days, video programs, newsletters and manuals. Thousands of volunteers extend CE's outreach, assisting with nutrition and 4-H youth development programs along with Master Gardener, Master Food Preserver, and Master Food Shopper education.

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NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRCS, an agency of the USDA, is the federal agency responsible for providing natural resource conservation assistance to the nation's private landowners. NRCS staff have expertise in soils, engineering, wildlife biology, range and cropland management. All disciplines work together to provide total resource management planning to landowners. NRCS also provides assistance to landowners through several voluntary USDA cost sharing and incentives programs.

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RCD Resource Conservation District

RCDs are special districts organized under the California Public Resources Code. They have no regulatory function, but are charged with carrying out natural resource conservation programs within their boundaries. RCDs can provide public education, hire employees, provide technical assistance, enter into cooperative agreements, charge for services, own and or operate land, apply for grants and provide guidance to partnering agencies and organizations on conservation issues. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) have entered into mutual agreements with RCDs nationwide to provide technical assistance, free of charge, to landowners and others with conservation needs. RCDs working in cooperation with NRCS have been providing assistance to land users, schools, groups, organizations and the general public for more 60 years. RCDs are managed by non-salaried directors who own and/or manage lands with the district. Operating funds are mostly drawn from local tax base and/or by fund raising activities such as: workshop fees, publication sales, service fees, grants, etc... among other services, the Cachuma RCD offers a free irrigation mobile lab.

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Cachuma RCD website: www.carcd.org/wisp/cachuma

UC & NRCS Useful Websites for Growers

UCCE Santa Barbara County: <http://cesantabarbara.ucdavis.edu> (links to many listed websites)

UCCE/NRCS Farm Water Quality Planning Website: <http://waterquality.ucanr.org>

UC Small Farm Center Website: www.sfc.ucdavis.edu

UC SAREP Cover Crop Website: www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/ccrop

UCSC Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems: <http://socialsciences.ucsc.edu/casfs>

UCCE Livestock and Natural Resources Website: <http://danr.ucop.edu/ucce/r/ucce/r.htm>

UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Catalog: <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu>

Pest Management: UC IPM Website: www.ipm.ucdavis.edu

UCR PesticideWise Website: www.pw.ucr.edu

CE Toxicology Network Website: <http://extoxnet.orst.edu>

Weed Research Information: <http://wric.ucdavis.edu>

Production Cost Studies: Cropping Systems: <http://coststudies.ucdavis.edu>

Management Practices: http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/Custom_Program491

Research Information Centers: Citrus: www.citris-uc.org

Fruit & Nut: <http://fruitsandnuts.ucdavis.edu>

Ornamental Horticulture: <http://ohric.ucdavis.edu>

Vegetable: <http://vric.ucdavis.edu>

NRCS National Website for Farmers: www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/farmers.html

NRCS Soils Website: <http://soils.usda.gov>

NRCS Tool for Mapping Your Soils: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app>

Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc.

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CCWQP promotes the maintenance, restoration, and enhancement of water quality and the biological integrity of waterways located throughout the Central Coast of California; develops and implements voluntary programs to protect the water resources of the Central Coast and conduct water quality monitoring programs for the benefit of the public at large and agricultural producers. CCWQP also provides water quality education and outreach programs to farmers and the public. CCWQP was formed to fulfill the agricultural community's need to comply with the requirements of the Central Coast Regional Water Board's *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands* adopted by the Regional Water Board in July, 2004. The Board of Directors are all area farmers. The Region 3 AG Committee, and its various sub-committees, develops proposed policy concerning agricultural water quality and advises the CCWQP board.

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CCWRP Website: www.ccwqp.org



Community Alliance with Family Farmers

Founded in 1978, CAFF is a nonprofit member-activist organization. CAFF political and educational campaigns are building a movement of rural and urban people who foster family-scale agriculture that cares for the land, sustains local economies, and promotes social justice. Members are urbanites, farmers, environmentalists, rural activists, students, and anyone concerned with the social and environmental dimensions of agriculture.

CAFF has been increasing farm biodiversity with native plant hedgerow projects in the Central Coast, North Coast and San Joaquin Valley regions since 2001. CAFF has many farmer-members who, like family farmers nationwide, are struggling to establish or maintain consistent local markets.

A Buy Fresh/Buy Local campaign began in the Central Coast in October 2002. The campaign is designed to increase visibility of local products in markets and the media, open new local markets for family farmers, and educate consumers about the benefits of buying local. Participants include schools, farmers markets, retailers, CSAs and restaurants. CAFF is also implementing several Farm-to-School Programs in the state.

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'Tailgate' Workshops for Vineyards



CCVT Central Coast Vineyard Team

The Central Coast Vineyard Team (CCVT) is a community-based partnership of winegrape growers, wineries, UCCE Farm Advisors, consultants and the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). CCVT's mission is to identify and promote the most environmentally safe, viticulturally effective, and economically sustainable farming methods, while maintaining or improving quality and flavor of winegrapes. Growers who complete Positive Points System™ evaluations are identified as "Cooperating Growers". There is no cost for being a "Cooperating Grower". And while your score will be used to analyze trends, your name will never be published with your score. All scores and their identities remain confidential.

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Dawn Stimson, Non Point Source Coordinator
Julian Malone, PRISM Project Coordinator

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CCVT Website: www.vineyardteam.org

Watershed-Based Coalitions & Councils



Community Environmental Council

The CEC offers a variety of programs to address environmental challenges in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. CEC works with landowners on a variety of restoration projects. Types of project include planning and construction of: bank stabilization projects, fish passage improvement projects, non-native plant removal and revegetation with natives, etc. Projects are currently being worked on in several watersheds of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. CEC also is currently organizing community based watershed groups in the Carpinteria and Rincon Watersheds. Other watersheds CEC is restoring include: Mission Creek, San Jose Creek, Horse Creek, Santa Ynez River, and the Sisquoc River.



Carpinteria Creek Watershed Coalition

The Carpinteria Creek Watershed Coalition was created in 2001, when a partnership of local landowners, community groups, resource agencies, and individuals joined together to restore and protect the resources of the creek. The Coalition works with the County and the City of Carpinteria and the Cahcuma RCD to implement a comprehensive watershed plan to remove barriers for steelhead passage, eradicate invasive species, plant native vegetation and reduce erosion of the stream banks. Newsletters are available from both the CEC and the Carpinteria Creek Watershed Coalition to keep stakeholders abreast of current issues and achievements.



Rincon Creek Watershed Council

The Rincon Creek Watershed Council created in 2004, when a partnership of local landowners, community groups, resource agencies, and individuals joined together to restore and protect the resources of the creek. The Council is currently working with the County of Ventura and Santa Barbara to develop a comprehensive watershed plan to remove barriers for steelhead passage, eradicate invasive species, plant native vegetation and reduce erosion of the stream banks. Additional information is available at the Rincon Creek Watershed Council website with current information on the development of the watershed plan as well as current projects in the watershed.

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Community Environmental Council Website: www.communityenvironmentalcouncil.org

Carpinteria Creek Watershed Coalition Website: www.carpinteriacreek.org

Rincon Creek Watershed Council Website: www.rinconcreek.org

COUNTY AGENCIES



County of Santa Barbara Agricultural Commissioners Office

The Agricultural Commissioners Office promotes and protects the county agricultural industry, the environment, and the citizens through innovation, communication, education, service and partnership, while honoring the requirements of government, traditions of industry, and the needs of the public.

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Carpinteria
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Santa Maria, CA 93455
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Solvang
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Ag Commissioners Office Website: www.countyofsb.org/agcomm



County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department Water Resources Division

The mission of the Water Resources Division is to provide flood protection, water conservation, and to promote an adequate water supply for the residents of Santa Barbara County. The Santa Barbara County Water Agency publishes annual groundwater reports, performs sediment management studies, and provides technical support to other public agencies.

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Santa Barbara Water Resources Website: www.countyofsb.org/pwd/water
The 2002 Groundwater Report can be downloaded from this site

STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES



California Conservation Corps

The CCC has watershed crews that can do work on private property and can be involved in permitting, usually under the umbrella of another agency. Corps members work on a wide variety of conservation and community service projects such as tree planting, habitat improvement, erosion control, and native plant cultivation.

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CCC Website: www.ccc.ca.gov



California Department of Fish and Game

Certain alterations to the bed, bank (including vegetation), or flow of streams require Streambed Alteration Agreements (SAA). Fairly recent changes in the process mean you should apply early. As workload allows, they encourage pre-application consultations.

To obtain an SAA form and information packet:
(707) 944-5520 or visit www.dfg.ca.gov/nafwrb/index.html

The CDFG Fisheries Restoration Grants Program works with cooperative land owners to help fund projects to restore/protect stream banks, remove migration impediments, reduce adverse effects of water diversions, and prevent upslope erosion. Examples of effective and relatively easily permitted stream and upslope restoration methods are described in their Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual. To receive a manual or apply for the program, contact Margaret Roper.

Fisheries Restoration Grants Program-
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DFG Grant information: www.dfg.ca.gov/nafwb/fishgrant.shtml



Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board – Region 3

The CCRWQCB deals with agriculture through a number of programs. Some operations, such as dairies, some greenhouses with direct discharges to a water body, and mushroom farms are regulated under Waste Discharge Requirements or an NPDES permit. Whenever a 404 Corps permit is necessary, a 401 Water Quality Certification from CCRWQCB is also required. Most irrigated agricultural operations in region three are not currently under permit, but will need to apply for coverage under the newly adopted Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Lands. The deadline for enrollment is January 1, 2005. Conditions of the waiver include 15 hours of water quality education, development and implementation of a farm water quality management plan, and water quality monitoring. More information on the conditional waiver is available on the Region 3 website or by contacting Alison Jones.

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Region 3 website www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast

Ag Waiver Forms & Info: www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/AGWaivers/Index.htm

CCAMP (Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program) Website: www.CCAMP.org



California Environmental Resources Evaluation System

CERES is an information system developed by the EPA and California Resources Agency. Select 'Environmental Information by Geographic Area' on their website below to obtain detailed watershed information.

California Watershed Browser: <http://cwp.resources.ca.gov/browser>



Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) protects the coastal and marine ecosystems along nearly 300 miles of California's Central Coast.

The Agriculture Water Quality Alliance (AWQA) is a regional collaboration of agriculture industry groups, federal, state, and local agencies, technical experts, environmental organizations and university researchers working to carry out the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Agriculture and Rural Lands Plan. AWQA is coordinating efforts to protect regional water quality, working in many watersheds throughout the six-county area. The effort is guided by a Steering Committee based on input from farmers, ranchers and agriculture industry groups.

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Calendar of Water Quality Educational Opportunities

AWQA Website: www.awqa.org

Ag Rural LandsPlan Website: www.montereybay.noaa.gov/resourcepro/ag.html



NOAA and NMFS

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is a federal regulatory agency dedicated to protecting and preserving marine resources through scientific research, fisheries management, enforcement, and habitat conservation. NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is a division of NOAA that conducts research to restore and create fish habitat, is responsible for the protection of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and sets annual quotas for the amount of commercial fish that can be harvested each year.

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NMFS Southwest Region website: <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov>



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

According to section 404 of the Clean Water Act, United States Army Corps of Engineers permits are needed for streambed work below the ordinary high water mark. Potential applicants for permits are advised to discuss their plans and permit procedures with a member of the Corps Regulatory Branch prior to submittal of an application for information, guidance, and assistance. Many activities associated with *on-going* farming/ranching activities are exempt from Section 404 and most permits are free. San Francisco is the nearest office. They can be reached by phone to answer questions.

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San Francisco District Regulatory Branch
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Army Corps Website: www.usace.army.mil



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

They ask that you write a letter that includes your location, intent, and species that you suspect would be involved in the project to the Field Supervisor.

Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office
2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605
Sacramento, CA 95825
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